

(a)--A-person-may-not-import-into-Maryland,--offer--for sale,--trade,--barter--or--exchange--as--a--household--pet--any--live fox,--skunk,--raccoon,--bear,--[alligator,--cayman,--crocodile, poisonous--snake,--or]--member--of--the--cat--family--other--than--the domestic--cat,--OR--ANY--POISONOUS--SNAKES--SPECIFICALLY--IN--THE FAMILY--GROUPS--OF--HYDROPHIDAE,--ELAPIDAE,--VIPERIDAE,--OR CROTOLIDAE,--However,--a--person--may--offer--these--species--for sale,--trade,--barter,--import,--or--exchange--to--a--public--zoo, park,--museum,--[or]--educational--institution,--OR--TO--A--PERSON HOLDING--VALID--STATE--OR--FEDERAL--PERMITS,--for--educational, medical,--scientific,--or--exhibition--purposes.

(a) (1) A person may not import into Maryland, offer for sale, trade, barter or exchange as a household pet any live:

(I) [fox] FOX, skunk, raccoon, OR bear[,];

(II) [alligator] ALLIGATOR[, cayman,] OR crocodile[, poisonous snake, or member];

(III) MEMBER of the cat family other than the domestic cat[.]; OR

(IV) ANY POISONOUS SNAKES SPECIFICALLY IN THE FAMILY GROUPS OF HYDROPHIDAE, ELAPIDAE, VIPERIDAE, OR CROTOLIDAE.

(2) [However, a] NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person may offer these species for sale, trade, barter, import, or exchange to a public zoo, park, museum, [or] educational institution, OR TO A PERSON HOLDING VALID STATE OR FEDERAL PERMITS for educational, medical, scientific, or exhibition purposes.

(b) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, in the case of an individual, shall be fined not more than \$1,000; or in the case of any person other than an individual, by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

(c) Exempted from this subsection are those species of wildlife not being kept as household pets and which are individually exempted by a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

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